

December 21, 2011

Deena Shepard, Enforcement Specialist United States EPA-Region 5 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, IL 60604-3590 RESERVED DEC 2 7 200 Bod

RE: Request for information regarding Spotnails during the period 1975 to 1989 and the Gary Development Company.

CERCLA ID No: IND077005916

Dear Deena Sheppard,

We received your memorandum, dated Nov. 29, 2011, and would like to advise you that Peace Industries, Ltd., presently at this address, was not incorporated and did not commence doing business until January 8, 1991.

Veniculum, Inc. went bankrupt in 1990 and the corporation was not purchased by any other entity. In January 1991, Peace Industries bought certain assets including trademarks of then bankrupted Veniculum, Inc. from LaSalle Bank. Peace does not have any information or documents in connection with the Gary Development Landfill site operated from 1975 through 1989.

The last known address that we have for the affairs of Veniculum, Inc is:

Mr. Ray O. Rodriquez, as Trustee in Chapter 7
For Veniculum, Inc
Rodriquez & Villalobas
Three First National Plaza #1200
Chicago, IL 60602

Best regards,

Mark R. Wilson

President

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## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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## <u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: SC-5J

Spotnails 1100 Hicks Road Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60008

Re:

Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104(e) of CERCLA regarding the Gary

Development Landfill Site located at 479 Cline Avenue, in the City of Gary, Lake

County, Indiana

CERCLA ID No: IND077005916

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter seeks your cooperation in providing information and documents related to Spotnails and the Gary Development Company and/or the Gary Development Landfill located at 479 Cline Avenue, in the City of Gary, Lake County, Indiana.

The Gary Development Landfill in Gary, Lake County, Indiana, has been listed on the National Priorities List (NPL) under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 9601, et seq., (commonly referred to as CERCLA). This is because the Gary Development Landfill Site (the Site) is contaminated with hazardous substances that may present a threat to human health or the environment. Enclosure 1 to this letter provides more detail on the operational history and contamination at the Site. Enclosure 2 is a map of the Site.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency) is investigating the release, or threat of release, of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants at the Site. EPA is seeking information concerning the generation, storage, treatment, transportation, and disposal of hazardous substances that have been, or threaten to be, released from the Site.

Currently EPA is identifying activities, materials, and parties that contributed to contamination at the Site. Ultimately, EPA or the responsible parties will study the effects of the contamination to the environment and public health and implement appropriate response actions. EPA believes that Spotnails possesses information that may assist the Agency in its investigation of the Site. Enclosure 1 provides background and historical information concerning the Site.

EPA is seeking to obtain information from you pursuant to its authority under Section 104(e) of CERCLA. This authority is further described in Enclosure 3. The Agency has begun to

supplement the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM's) investigation into the nature, extent and sources of contamination at the Gary Development Landfill.

The landfill accepted hazardous substances including volatile organic compounds, semi-volatile organic compounds, heavy metals, and pesticides. EPA understands that Spotnails transported, disposed or arranged for the disposal of hazardous material at the Gary Development Landfill. Accordingly, EPA believes that Spotnails may have information relevant to this investigation.

The instructions to responding to the Information Request are provided in Enclosure 4. The definitions for certain terms contained in the Information Request are provided in Enclosure 5. Enclosure 6 is the Information Request. Please note that false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to civil or criminal penalties under federal law.

Some of the information EPA is requesting may be considered by you to be confidential. Please be aware that you may not withhold the information upon that basis. If you wish EPA to treat the information as confidential, you must advise EPA of that fact by following the procedures outlined in Enclosure 7, including the requirement for supporting your claim for confidentiality.

This information request is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. § 3501, et seq.

Compliance with an information request is required by law. Please mail your response within thirty (30) days to:

Deena Sheppard, Enforcement Specialist U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 5 Superfund Division (SC-5J) 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

If you have questions about this information request, the history of the Site, the nature of the environmental conditions at the Site, or the status of cleanup activities, please contact Nicole Wood-Chi, Associate Regional Counsel, at (312) 886-0664. If you have technical questions about this Site, please call David Linnear, Remedial Project Manager, at (312) 886-1841. Address all other questions to Deena Sheppard, Enforcement Specialist, at (312) 886-7048.

We appreciate and look forward to your prompt response to this letter.

Sincerely,

Sharon Jaffess, Chief

Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch

## **Enclosures**

- 1. Site Background/History
- 2. Site Map
- 3. Legal Authority
- 4. Instructions
- 5. Definitions
- 6. Information Request
- 7. Confidential Business Information

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